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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Denbo

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Mitchell Presbyterian Church.

Whereas, A church is much more than simply a building;

Whereas, A church is the center of the community; a place where people can come together in times of joy and times of sorrow;

Whereas, On January 24, 1855, Reverend John M. Bishop and Reverend John A. Tiffany, serving with the American Home Missionary Society, met with ten people in the log schoolhouse at Woodville;

Whereas, This meeting led to the formation of the Mitchell

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Presbyterian Church;

Whereas, The Mitchell Presbyterian Church has always been involved in the activities of the communities. The building housed the town clock for many years until the steeple had to be removed;

Whereas, In times of disaster, the congregation of the Mitchell Presbyterian Church was always ready and willing to step in to help those in need. For example, when the First Baptist Church building burned in 1901, the Baptists met with the Presbyterians until their church could be rebuilt, and the church annex was used as a hospital for refugees of the 1937 flood;

Whereas, In January 1993, a fire destroyed the historic brick Mitchell Presbyterian Church building;

Whereas, After painful deliberation, the congregation decided to move from the church's original location to its present site; and

Whereas, Although the church has struggled through some difficult times, the congregation has survived and continues to bear witness to the community and its citizens: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 many contributions the Mitchell Presbyterian Church and its
3 congregation have given to the community since the church's
4 establishment in 1855 and thanks the congregation for its loving
5 dedication to the welfare of the community and its citizens.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the
8 congregation of the Mitchell Presbyterian Church.

